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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1058**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. Section 45a-8c of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

4 (a) The Probate Court Administrator may, within available
5 appropriations, establish a [pilot] truancy clinic within [the] (1) any
6 Regional Children's Probate [Courts for Waterbury and New Haven]
7 Court that serves a town designated as an alliance district pursuant to
8 section 10-262u, or (2) any Probate Court that serves a town designated
9 as an alliance district that is not served by a Regional Children's
10 Probate Court. The administrative judge of [each] the Regional
11 Children's Probate Court or the judge of the Probate Court, as the case
12 may be, or the designee of such administrative judge or such judge,
13 [administrative judge's designee,] shall administer the truancy clinic
14 for [the] such administrative judge's or such judge's respective court.

15 (b) [The] If the Probate Court Administrator establishes truancy
16 clinics pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the principal of any
17 elementary or middle school located in [the Waterbury or New Haven
18 school district, as the case may be] a town designated as an alliance
19 district, or the principal's designee, may refer to [the] a truancy clinic a
20 parent or guardian with a child enrolled in such school who is a truant,
21 as defined in section 10-198a, as amended by this act, or at risk of
22 becoming a truant. Upon receiving such referral, the truancy clinic
23 shall prepare a citation and summons for the parent or guardian of the
24 child to appear at the clinic. An attendance officer authorized pursuant
25 to section 10-199, or a police officer authorized pursuant to section 10-
26 200, shall deliver the citation and summons and a copy of the referral
27 to the parent or guardian.

28 (c) The administrative judge of the Regional Children's Probate
29 Court [for Waterbury or New Haven] that serves a town designated as
30 an alliance district or the judge of the Probate Court that serves a town
31 designated as an alliance district, as the case may be, may refer any
32 matter referred to [the] a truancy clinic to a probate magistrate or
33 attorney probate referee assigned by the Probate Court Administrator
34 pursuant to section 45a-123a to hear the matter.

35 (d) The truancy clinics shall operate for the purpose of identifying
36 and resolving the cause of a child's truancy using nonpunitive
37 procedures. After the initial appearance made pursuant to the
38 summons described in subsection (b) of this section, the participation
39 of a parent or guardian in the truancy clinic shall be voluntary. The
40 truancy clinics shall establish protocols for clinic participation and
41 shall establish programs and relationships with schools, individuals,
42 public and private agencies, and other organizations to provide
43 services and support for parents, guardians and children participating
44 in the clinics.

45 (e) The Probate Court Administrator shall establish policies and
46 procedures to implement the truancy clinics and measure the
47 effectiveness of the truancy clinics.

48 (f) Not later than September 1, [2014] 2015, and annually thereafter,
49 [the] each administrative judge of [the] a Regional Children's Probate
50 Court [for Waterbury] that serves a town designated as an alliance
51 district in which a truancy clinic has been established and [the] each
52 [administrative] judge of [the Regional Children's] a Probate Court [for
53 New Haven] that serves a town designated as an alliance district in
54 which a truancy clinic has been established shall [each] file a report
55 with the Probate Court Administrator assessing the effectiveness of
56 [the] each truancy clinic in [the] such administrative judge's or such
57 judge's respective court.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Probate Court Administrator
59 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report assessing the
60 effectiveness of the truancy clinics to the joint standing committees of
61 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
62 judiciary and education."